

■ Safety Office

- Encourage motorcycle clubs to participate in the traffic safety program by being a conduit for positive education, mentorship, publicity, and awareness for the riding community

- Communicate with club leadership on local risk areas and concerns

■ MWR

- Actively support and promote motorcycle clubs and provide information on requirements to establish clubs (IAW AR 210-22)

- Assist in increasing awareness of voluntary motorcycle clubs

■ Community Enablers

- Local/state law enforcement: information, awareness, and motorcycle rodeos

- Local motorcycle dealers and clubs

- Local media

■ Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF)

- Provide subject matter expertise

- Develop required training and support materials

■ Motorcycle Rider Clubs (Private Organizations)

- Serve as a force multiplier for the commander's mishap reduction efforts. For example:

- Educate riders on Composite Risk Management (CRM) with the focus on safe motorcycle riding
- Act as a forum for education, awareness, and seasonal campaigns

- Conduct mentorship training seminars

- Conduct motorcycle buyers' clinics

- Conduct motorcycle maintenance seminars

- Promote environment that fosters responsible riding and enjoyment

- Host group rides and rallies

- Maintain route files for group rides

■ Motorcycle Operators

- Comply with installation, local, state, Army, and host nation requirements

- Support unit motorcycle safety efforts

- Encourage participation in motorcycle clubs

- May hold leadership position within a motorcycle club

- Employ Composite Risk Management principles

- Participants should encourage a mentoring atmosphere emphasizing skilled, responsible, and positive riding experiences

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Motorcycle Mentorship Program

With the increasing number of Soldiers buying motorcycles for both recreational use and as a cheaper form of transportation, the Army has seen a dramatic increase in the number of motorcycle accidents and fatalities over FY05, nearly double the number from FY04.

The purpose of the Motorcycle Mentorship Program is to establish voluntary installation-level motorcycle clubs where less experienced riders and seasoned riders can create a supportive environment of responsible motorcycle riding and enjoyment. Such an environment can create positive conduct and behavior and serve as a force multiplier that supports a commander's motorcycle accident prevention program.



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EDGE**

Composite Risk Management



2000-2005



Why do we need a Motorcycle Mentorship Program?

Our Soldiers have been "on the edge" in Iraq and Afghanistan and see themselves as combatants in every aspect of their lives. This mindset has become clear to me as I've traveled and talked to Soldiers, NCOs, and officers. They don't want to be viewed as the "geeky guy on a moped who is decked out in safety gear." They are warriors.

This mindset presents a unique challenge to leaders who are trying to manage risk. As leaders, we want to capture the energy and intensity that comes with being on the edge and channel it in a more deliberate manner so they "own the edge."

Joe Smith
BG Joe Smith, DASAF



BACKGROUND

Increase in Fatalities/Injuries. A review of accident data revealed our motorcycle mishaps are on the rise. Motorcycle mishaps resulted in 128 fatalities from FY00 through FY05.

The mishap data revealed that over half the motorcycle fatalities were the result of single-vehicle crashes that involved riders exercising poor risk decisions and judgment. Males between the ages of 18 and 25 are our major "at-risk" population, comprising 60 percent of our motorcycle fatalities in the past 2 years. However, we have also seen a climb in fatalities among riders ages 30 to 35 over the last fiscal year.

Execution

Concept of Operations: Successful mishap reduction requires the support of commanders, first sergeants, supervisors, motorists, and the military and civilian communities at large.

It is only through their collective involvement that mishap reduction can occur. The establishing of motorcycle clubs, as private organizations on our installations, is one component of this community approach.

Roles, Responsibilities, and Tasks
Strategic, Operational, and Tactical roles, responsibilities, and tasks are as follows:

Headquarters, U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center (USACRC) will:

- Lead concept development
- Develop and publish example mentor criteria



- Coordinate with federal, DoD, and national motorcycle safety organizations

IMA & MACOMs will:

- Support program requirements (IAW AR 210-22)
- Supplement policy as needed
- Evaluate motorcycle safety program management

Installation-Level Activities:

■ Installation Commanders

- Support and promote motorcycle clubs as private organizations (IAW AR 210-22)
- Evaluate implemented clubs to determine their positive or negative contributions

■ Unit Commanders

- Support and promote unit-level motorcycle clubs (IAW AR 210-22)
- Encourage club activities to reinforce positive training, mentorship, and riding
- Identify when clubs are making both positive and negative contributions

